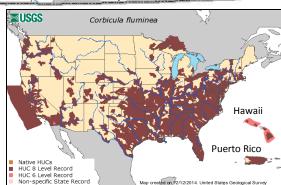


The Asian clam (*Corbicula fluminea*) is native to Asia, Africa, the Mediterranean, and Australia and is believed to have been introduced intentionally as food or accidentally imported with the Pacific oyster. It was initially discovered in 1938 in the Columbia River and now occurs in 38 states. Much like zebra and quagga mussels, the Asian clam can clog pipes at power generation and water supply facilities, causing millions of dollars in damage. In 2010, Asian clam were confirmed in the Laramie River near the



town of Laramie subsequent sampling has identified populations in the upper and lower Laramie watershed. In 2013, a population was found on the North Platte River below Guernsey Reservoir.

Asian clams are spread through bait bucket introductions, accidental introductions with aquaculture species, illegal introductions for food, and through water currents.

## If you are using Asian clam infested waters please remember to:

- ✓ **DRAIN** all water from your gear and equipment. This includes all types of watercraft, waders, boots, clothing, buckets anything that comes into contact with the water.
- ✓ **CLEAN** all equipment and gear of plants, mud and debris. *Never move a plant or animal from one location to another*.
- ✓ **DRY** everything thoroughly. In Wyoming we recommend drying for 5 days in the summer, 18 days in the spring or fall, or 3 days at freezing temperatures.